



Green Bay Fire Department Media Release



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Update on 101 S. Chestnut Avenue Fire

Green Bay, WI November 11, 2010—The fire investigation of a downtown building has concluded. The Green Bay Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office, in cooperation with the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Department of Criminal Investigation, has determined the fire to be accidental in nature and the building's electrical system could not be ruled out as a potential cause. The fire started in a void space that ran the length of the building and was likely burning for hours before anyone discovered it. The building is a total loss and the damages are expected to be in excess of \$1,000,000. Fire crews were able to protect neighboring buildings from fire loss and damage.

One resident is extremely fortunate to have made it out of this building alive as he reentered the burning building to claim personal possessions. Reentry to a burning building should never be an option. This act has claimed several lives in Green Bay area in the last 10 years.

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